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TEMPERATURE, AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE AND PREPARATION

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Sir:

I, David B. Mitzi, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

That I received a B. S. E. degree in Electrical Engineering/Engineering Physics (1985) from Princeton University and a PhD. degree, in Applied Physics (1990) from Stanford University, California.

That I have worked as a research staff member in Solid State Chemistry at the Thomas Watson Research Center of the International Business Machines Corporation in Yorktown Heights, NY from 1990 to the present.

That I have worked in the fabrication of and characterization of superconductors and related materials from 1990 to the present.

That I have reviewed the above-identified patent application and that I have reviewed the above-identified patent application and acknowledge that it represents the work of Bednorz and

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Muller, which is generally recognized as the first discovery of superconductivity above 26°K and that subsequent developments in this field have been based on this work.

That all the high temperature superconductors which have been developed based on the work of Bednorz and Muller behave in a similar manner, conduct current in a similar manner and have similar magnetic properties.

That once a person of skill in the art knows of a specific transition metal oxide composition which is superconducting above 26°K, such a person of skill in the art, using the techniques described in the above-identified patent application, which includes all known principles of ceramic fabrication known at the time the application was filed, can make the transition metal oxide compositions encompassed by the claims in the above identified application, without undue experimentation or without requiring ingenuity beyond that expected of a person of skill in the art. This is why the work of Bednorz and Muller was reproduced so quickly after their discovery and why so much additional work was done in this field within a short period of their discovery.

By: 

David B. Mitzi

Sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 1998


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